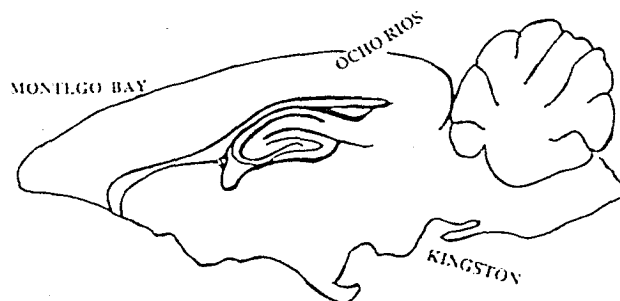


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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Angela Ford , from the University of Pittsburgh 's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center will attend the meeting. She has a video about caregiving and coping with the impact of Alzheimer 's disease. Persons interested in viewing the video should contact Ms. Ford for an appointment.

Dr. Nibaldo Hernandez- Mesa , President of the Caribbean Brain Research Organization (CARIBRO) along with Drs. Manuel Anton and Alberto Dorta will be at the meeting. Persons interested in membership and general information about CARIBRO are requested to contact them at the CARIBRO information desk.

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Registration will be opened Sunday April 2 from 14:00-19:00 and during the conference from 09:00-17:00

PRESENTATIONS

Only oral presentations of 30 minutes. (20 min presentation +10 min discussion). The discussion is being left to the discretion of the session chair who will select the best way to hold the discussion either after each presentation, or a general discussion at the end of the session. This will be announced at the beginning of the session.

TOURS

Ocho Rios is located near sites of interest such as Dunn River Falls, Fern Gilly Shaw Park Botanical Gardens and the Craft Market located about 10 minutes from the hotel. Visits to these places and others can be arranged through Daisey Allasio Wilson from International Properties and Tours who will be at the conference to assist you.

MEALS

All meals are included with the hotel.

Breakfast buffet 7 am-10:30 am (Continental breakfast is served in the room)

Lunch Noon-15:00

Dinner 18:00-22:00

WELCOME RECEPTION

Sunday April 2, 17:00-19:00

OPENING CEREMONY

Monday April 3, 09:00-10:00

CLOSING BANQUET

Friday April 7, 19:30.

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**NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS
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GENERAL PROGRAM

SUNDAY APRIL 2

14:00-19:00	Registration
17:00-19:00	Reception

MONDAY April 3

09:00	Welcome Addresses:	Organizing Committee
10:30	Plenary Lecture	DC Gajdusek USA
15:00-17:00	Session I	New Research Strategies for Studying the Neuronal Mechanisms of Cognitive Disorders Chair J Bruno ; M Sarter USA
17:30-19:00	Session II	Nicotinergic Receptors in Neurodegenerative Disorders Chair C Vidal France

TUESDAY April 4

08:30-11:45	Session III	Free Radical Mechanisms in Neurodegenerative Disorders- A Common Pathogenesis? Chair M Smith USA
14:30-16:10	Session IV	Glutamatergic Mechanisms in Alzheimer's disease Chair D Armstrong USA
16:30-19:00	Session V	Immune Mechanisms in Neurodegenerative and Neuropsychiatric Disorders: Chair V Singh USA

WEDNESDAY April 5

08:00-10:40	Session VI	Human Brain Mapping Project. Where Are We? Chair A. Dahlström Sweden
11:00-12:00	Session VII	Caregiving and Coping with Alzheimer's disease Chair R Friedland USA
16:30-19:00	Session VIII	Neurodegenerative Mechanisms: Clinical and Experimental Chair C Charlton USA ; B Bharaj Jamaica

THURSDAY April 6

08:00-10:15 Session IX

Apoptosis and Neurodegenerative Disorders
Chair C Waters ; G Walkinshaw UK

10:30-13:00 Session X

Therapeutic Strategies
Chair P Schubert Germany

15:00-18:45 Session XI

Trophic Factors Importance for Neurodegenerative Disorders
Chair E Hirsch France ; M Gupta USA

FRIDAY April 7

08:00-11:45 Session XII

Neuropathology Clinical and Experimental Aspects
Chair P Liberski Poland ; R Petersen USA

11:45-12:15 Session XIII

The Caribbean and The Decade of the Brain
Chair A McRae Sweden

14:00-17:00 Session XIV

Clinical and Experimental Investigations in the Caribbean
Chair H Stokes Guatemala ; F Hickling Jamaica

Closing Remarks

Banquet 19:30

PROGRAM

Monday April 3

09:00 Welcome Addresses: Organizing Committee

☐ Break 10:00

10:30 Plenary Lecture Chair: Prof P Rodgers-Johnson Jamaica

**INFECTIOUS AMYLOID PROTEINS IN NEURODEGENERATIVE
DISEASES
DC GAJDUSEK USA**

Monday April 3

15:00-17:00


I New Research Strategies for Studying the Neuronal Mechanisms of Cognitive Disorders Chairs: J Bruno & M Sarter USA

15:00 Trans-synaptic modulation of cortical acetylcholine release: a new approach to restore cholinergic function
J Bruno USA

15:30 Gating of prefrontal cortical input to the nucleus accumbens by the hippocampus: implications for the etiology of schizophrenia
A Grace USA

16:00 Alterations in mesolimbic D3 and intrahippocampal D2 receptors in elderly schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease.
J Joyce USA

16:30 Discussion Neuronal mechanisms of cognitive disorders: cognition is a crucial experimental variable.
M Sarter USA

 Break 17:00-17:30

17:30-19:00

II Nicotinic Receptors in Neurodegenerative Disorders
Chair: C Vidal France

17:30 Nicotinic receptors in the brain molecular biology, function and therapeutics
C Vidal France

18:00 Deficits in nicotinic receptors in Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases : Possible significance and impact of apolipoprotein E genotypes.
R Quirion Canada

18:30 Nicotinic drug treatment in Alzheimer's disease from the laboratory to the clinic.
P Whitehouse USA

Tuesday April 4

08:00-11:45

**III Free Radical Mechanisms in Neurodegenerative Disorders-A
Common Pathogenesis? Chair: M Smith USA**

08:00 CNS sources of reactive oxygen species
C Colton USA

08:30 The oxidative stress-heat shock connection relevance to Alzheimer's
disease
M Pappolla USA

09:00 Neurodegeneration a biochemical perspective
B Bharaj Jamaica

☛ Break 09:30-09:45

09:45 Oxidative stress and alterations of signal transduction deficits in aging and
aged related diseases
J Joseph USA

10:15 Oxidative posttranslational modifications in Alzheimer disease
M Smith USA

10:45 Advanced glycation endproducts (AGEs) modify β amyloid in
Alzheimer's disease and affect β amyloid mediated toxicity
M Vitek USA

11:15 Neuronal death: common mechanisms in development and disease
S Catsicas Switzerland

Tuesday April 4

14:30-16:10

IV Glutamatergic Mechanisms in Alzheimer's disease

Chair: D Armstrong USA

- 14:30 Overview of glutamatergic mechanisms in Alzheimer's disease**
D Armstrong USA
- 14:40 Mitochondrial dysfunction and excitotoxicity in the hippocampus of Alzheimer's disease**
J Greene USA
- 15:10 Cytoskeletal disruption resulting from excitotoxic insult and impaired energy metabolism: implications for Alzheimer's disease**
J Geddes USA
- 15:40 Alterations in AMPA receptor subunit immunoreactivity within hippocampal formation of brains affected by Alzheimer's disease pathology**
M Ikonovic USA

☐ Break 16:10-16:30

16:30-19:00

V Immune Mechanisms in Neurodegenerative and Neuropsychiatric Disorders: Chair: V Singh USA

- 16:30 Immune mechanisms in autism and related disorders**
R Warren USA
- 17:00 Inflammation and Alzheimer's disease**
P Aisen USA
- 17:30 Microglial antibodies significance for Alzheimer's disease**
A McRae Sweden
- 18:00 Binding of Amyloid- β to C1q and cellular susceptibility to complement activation**
D Michaelson Israel
- 18:30 Immune activation model: Alzheimer's disease and related disorders**
V Singh USA

Wednesday April 5

08:00-10:40

VI Human Brain Mapping Project. Where are we ?"

Chair: A Dahlström Sweden

08:00 Introduction - The 1990s has been called "The Decade of the Brain"
A Dahlström Sweden


08:10 Human brain mapping project - The first five years
S Koslow USA

08:40 Magnetoencephalography a noninvasive technique for functional brain
mapping
J Knuutila Finland

09:10 From pixels, via voxels toward dynamic objects: current trends in analysis
and visualisation for the neurosciences
N Clinch UK

09:40 Human brain mapping at the single cell and fiber level
P Belichenko Sweden

10:10 Noninvasive imaging of anti-A beta murine monoclonal antibody Fab
labelled with technetium 99m in Alzheimer's disease.
R Friedland USA

 10:40-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00

VII Caregiving and Coping With Alzheimer's Disease

Chair: R Friedland USA

11:00 Levels of mental impairment in the Jamaican elderly
D Eldemire Jamaica

11:30 Alzheimer's Disease: outreach to the African American community
A Ford USA

Wednesday April 5

16:30-19:15

**VIII Neurodegeneration Mechanisms: Clinical and Experimental
Chairs: C Charlton USA & B Bharaj Jamaica**

16:30 Common pathophysiological mechanisms of chronic neurological diseases
dementia, Parkinson, epilepsy, stroke and schizophrenia
H Stokes Guatemala

17:00 Regulation of glutamate uptake in experimental epilepsy
J Ortiz Puerto Rico

17:30 Possible role of methylated phospholipids in parkinsonism caused by
excess s-adenosyl-l-methionine-induced methylation
C Charlton USA

☛ Break 18:00-18:15

18:15 Herpes Simplex virus type I in brain : an environmental risk factor in
Alzheimer's disease
R Itzhaki UK

18:45 Differential interaction between virus and host cell in developing versus
mature mouse brain determines spread, restricted replication, cell death,
persistence and age related virulence of semliki forest virus
K Oliver UK

Thursday April 6

08:00-10:15

IX Apoptosis and Neurodegenerative Disorders

Chairs: C Waters & G Walkinshaw UK

08:00 Apoptosis of neurones, in development and disease - an overview
C Waters UK

08:15 Apoptotic components appear following transient cerebral ischemia in rats.
J MacManus Canada

08:45 Induction of apoptosis in catecholaminergic PC12 cells by L-DOPA
implications for the treatment of Parkinson's disease
G Walkinshaw UK

09:15 The relationship of apoptosis and impaired receptor gene expression to the
loss of striatal D-2 dopamine receptor containing neurons during aging
G Roth USA

09:45 Apoptosis is induced by expression of mutant amyloid precursor protein
in neuronal cells
J Kusiak USA

10:15 Apoptosis mediated neurotoxicity induced by chronic application of
 β -amyloid and PrP fragments
G Forloni Italy

☛ Break 10:45-11:00

Thursday April 6

11:00-13:30

X Therapeutic Strategies

Chair: P Schubert Germany

- 11:00** Neurotoxic lesion of basalo-cortical or septo hippocampal pathways
recovery induced by chronic infusion of exogenous nerve growth factor
C Fernandez Cuba
- 11:30** Antigen specific treatment of autoimmune diseases: induction of clonal
anergy and programmed cell death in cloned T cells
B Nag USA
- 12:00** Assessing the potential of adenoviral vectors for gene transfer to brain
D Ingram USA
- 12:30** Modulation of glial cell functions by adenosine and pharmacological
reinforcement
P Schubert Germany
- 13:00** What is behind ischemic neuronal damage? How does mild hypothermia
modulate it?
K Kataoka Japan

Thursday April 6

15:00-18:45

XI Trophic Factors Importance for Neurodegenerative Disorders
Chairs: E Hirsch France & M Gupta USA

- 15:00 Targeting by regenerating axons
D Kuffler Puerto Rico
- 15:30 Laminin alpha 2 like antigens in CNS dendritic spines
M Jucker USA
- 16:00 Neurotrophin receptors and selective loss of cholinergic neurons in
Alzheimer's disease
E Hirsch France
- ☐ Break 16:30-16:45
- 16:45 Effects of BDNF on dopaminergic neurons in dissociated and free-floating
roller tube cultures of human fetal ventral mesencephalon
L Studer Switzerland
- 17:15 Regulation of the dopamine neuron phenotype in mesencephalic
progenitor cells
P Carvey USA
- 17:45 Response of trophic factors in the prevention of MPTP toxicity in the
young and aging mice
M Gupta USA
- 18:15 NGF in experimental models of Parkinson's disease
L Lorigados Cuba

Friday April 7

08:00-11:45

XII Neuropathology: Clinical and Experimental Aspects
Chairs: P Liberski Poland & R Petersen USA

08:00 Neural Networks in the study of degradation of the brain
H Reichgelt Jamaica

08:30 Differential loss of dopamine transporter and tyrosine hydroxylase
mRNAs in midbrain of Parkinson's, Alzheimer with parkinsonism and
Alzheimer's disease
J Joyce USA

09:00 Presence of amyloid and DNA in senile plaques neurofibrillary tangles
and neuropil threads: Alzheimer's disease a neurospirochetosis?
J Miklossy Switzerland

☛ Break 09:30-09:45

09:45 Human T-cell lymphotropic virus the clinical spectrum of infection
P Rodgers-Johnson Jamaica

10:15 How do neurons degenerate in transmissible spongiform encephalopies?
P Liberski Poland

10:45 Observation of possible intermediates in the conversion of PrPc to PrPsc
J Hope UK

11:15 Affect of mutations in the prion protein on processing in transfected
human cell lines
R Petersen USA

11:45-12:15

XIII The Caribbean and the Decade of the Brain
Chair: A McRae Sweden

11:45 Caribbean Brain Research Organization: introduction and future
directions
N Hernandez Mesa Cuba

Friday April 7

14:00-17:15

XIV Clinical and Experimental Investigations in the Caribbean
Chairs : H Stokes Guatemala & F Hickling Jamaica

14:00 Psychopathology of white immigrants to Jamaica
F Hickling Jamaica

14:30 Computer program to guide the search for relevant mitochondrial mutations
D Clarke Cuba

15:00 Neuroimmunological findings in Guillain Barre's Syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis and idiopathic polineuropathies
A Dorta Cuba

☛ Break 15.30-1545

15:45 Cerebrovascular Disease in Guatemala hemorrhagic stroke is equal or more common than ischemic stroke
H Stokes Guatemala

16:15 A preliminary investigation of the role of cytochrome C oxidase in swayback disease in sheep
A Adogwa Trinidad

16:45 Neural factors influence the degeneration of muscle fibers in the chelae of snapping shrimps
R Young Jamaica

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Banquet 19:30